

Beirut recalls envoy to U.S. for talks

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The Lebanese government has recalled its ambassador to the United States for consultations on latest developments in efforts for securing the withdrawal of all foreign forces from the country. The envoy, Abdullah Abu Habib, who is expected to arrive in Beirut in two days, will hold talks with President Amin Gemayel and senior officials and will also submit a report to the Foreign Ministry on the U.S. attitude towards Lebanon and contacts made by Washington with international bodies to solve the Lebanese crisis, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said in a dispatch from the Lebanese capital Sunday. Meanwhile, joint Lebanese-Israeli military committees have resumed their meetings in Beirut, Petra said. The meetings, expected to focus on deploying Lebanese soldiers in areas to be evacuated by Israeli forces as part of an Israeli plan to withdraw to more secure positions in South Lebanon, are attended by U.S. representatives.

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King to visit Far East

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein will visit China and several other Far Eastern countries in the next few weeks, the Associated Press quoted Royal Palace sources as saying Sunday. The agency quoted the sources as saying the King would probably visit Pakistan, Indonesia and other, unspecified destinations. No firm date has been set for the start of the visit, the news agency said, adding that the sources said it would begin later this month.

Qasem to lead team to Geneva

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem will head the Jordanian delegation to a United Nations conference on Palestine, according to a cabinet decision Sunday. The conference, to be held in Geneva under the auspices of the U.N. General Assembly, is expected to be attended by more than 4,000 delegates from various countries and organisations.

Weizmann due to meet Mubarak

CAIRO (R) — Former Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizmann, in Cairo since Thursday on a private visit, was due to meet President Hosni Mubarak Sunday, an Israeli embassy spokesman said. The spokesman told Reuters that Mr. Weizmann had already had talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali but gave no details. Mr. Mubarak's meeting with the former minister, his first in many months with an Israeli figure.

Thailand rejects Libyan request

BANGKOK (R) — Thailand has rejected a request to allow Libya to sponsor a Muslim religious conference here as it could affect Bangkok's relations with other Muslim countries, a senior government official said Sunday. Chief of the national security council Prasong Soonsiri said Thailand objected to moves by the Libyan government to hold a conference of Muslim imams or religious teachers from 14 Asian and Pacific countries in Bangkok late this month.

France introduces gun control laws

PARIS (R) — The French government Sunday announced new measures to control arms after a wave of recent shootings in which three people were killed and several injured. The measures impose restrictions on the acquisition of some weapons which until now could be bought freely by any adult.

Soviets decorate Italian-born spy

MOSCOW (R) — Italian-born Soviet spy Bruno Pontecorvo has been awarded the Order of the October Revolution for his work on physics. TASS news agency reported Sunday. It said the award had been made to celebrate his 70th birthday, which falls Monday. Pontecorvo worked at Britain's atomic research base at Harwell near Oxford, before defecting while on holiday in Moscow in 1950.

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King assails U.S. veto of resolution on settlements

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday described as "totally unacceptable" the recent U.S. veto of a United Nations Security Council resolution demanding that all Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank be dismantled.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, excerpts of which were also published by the Washington Post, the King said that American explanations justifying the veto were "certainly inadequate and unsatisfactory."

The United States has previously supported U.N. resolutions condemning territorial gains through war and the sudden change in American policy to veto the draft resolution was "a very dangerous and shocking development," the King said.

The American attitude that "these activities, the taking of other people's lands, could be construed as legal, is something very serious," the King said.

The Aug. 2 draft resolution, which declared the Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as having "no legal validity" was blocked in the 15-member Security Council with 13 in favour and one against (U.S.) and with one abstention (Zaire).

The veto climaxed a five-day debate sparked by an attack in Hebron on Palestinian students by masked gunmen, believed to be Israeli settlers. Three students were killed and about 40 others injured in the attack, when the gunmen attacked a group of students in the Hebron Islamic College with assault rifles and hand-

grenades.

Referring to the U.S. veto, State Department spokesman John Hughes later explained that dismantling the settlements was "an impractical demand." The veto neither contradicted President Reagan's Sept. 1 call to freeze the settlements nor U.S. statements that continued Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab lands were "unhelpful," Mr. Hughes said.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz also reiterated the American stand that continued Israeli settlements were "unhelpful" in Middle East peace efforts.

The vetoed resolution was sponsored by 20 Arab states, of which Jordan is the only member of the Security Council by rotation.

Britain, another member of the council, during the debate on the resolution, called on Israel to declare an immediate freeze on its "damaging policy" of establishing settlements on the occupied territories.

Answering another question in his interview with the Los Angeles Times, King Hussein said if the split in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) continued it would indicate that "the PLO has lost its legitimacy, as an independent, free, sole legitimate representative of the people of Palestine."

McFarlane: Partial pullout will not result in partition

CAIRO (Agencies) — U.S. Middle East envoy Robert McFarlane said Sunday Israel's military redeployment in Lebanon will be a prelude to total withdrawal and ruled out the partitioning of Lebanon as a consequence of Israel's imminent partial withdrawal.

Mr. McFarlane spoke to reporters following a 73-minute meeting with President Hosni Mubarak at the Koubba Presidential

Palace. The talks were attended by Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan Ali, who conferred with the envoy Saturday, and Osama Al Baz, director of Mr. Mubarak's office for political affairs.

Mr. Baz, who briefed reporters jointly with Mr. McFarlane, said the envoy will remain in the Middle East "for some time until he reaches tangible results."

Lebanese mediators report difficulties

BEIRUT (R) — A three-man cabinet team seeking reconciliation between Lebanon's warring communities before Israel pulls back its forces from around Beirut has run into difficulties, one of its members said Sunday.

Finance Minister Adel Hamey said on Beirut Radio some difficulties had arisen during their talks Saturday with pro-Syrian opposition leaders in northern Lebanon.

He declined to specify the difficulties but said the team would continue its work. He was speaking after having briefed President Amin Gemayel on the talks.

On Saturday, the team, which also comprises the ministers of health and public works, flew by helicopter to Syrian-held northern Lebanon to meet former Prime Minister Rashid Karami and ex-president Suleiman Franjeh, leaders of an opposition National Salvation Front.

Mr. Junblatt says his men will oppose the Lebanese army if it tries to replace the Israelis before a political agreement is reached.

No date has been announced for the Israeli partial withdrawal, but officials have hinted it is imminent.

Former President Camille Chamoun has dismissed the cabinet reconciliation team as a failure.

Mr. Chamoun, a leading rightist politician, told the Falangist party radio that the ministers had achieved nothing in their mission because the salvation front was made up of "Syrian agents."

Last week, the three ministers were briefly held captive in the Shouf mountains outside Beirut by Druze nationalists.

Mauritians vote amid controversy

PORTE LOUIS (R) — Mauritians voted Sunday for a new parliament on this Indian Ocean island and amid controversy over a shooting incident involving Deputy Prime Minister Harish Boodhoo.

The official Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) said that about half of the island's 553,000 registered voters had cast their ballots by noon (0800 GMT), six hours after the opening of the polls. Voting ends at 6 p.m. (1400 GMT) but overall results are not expected until Monday afternoon.

The island was calm, although Saturday night state radio quoted police as saying a single gunshot

was fired at Mr. Boodhoo, one of the leaders of the three-party alliance which is a main contender in the vote. A policeman was slightly injured in the incident, the radio said.

Newspapers which generally support the opposition Mauritian Militant Movement (MMM) said Sunday police denied making the statement to the radio.

MMM leader Paul Berenger, questioned by Reuters as he voted in his home district of Quatre Bornes, said the incident was "an electoral manoeuvre" by Boodhoo.

According to Mr. Berenger, unknown assailants threw stones

at cars carrying Mr. Boodhoo and his bodyguards from an election rally, breaking the windscreen of an escort vehicle.

Mr. Berenger said police told him that several shots were fired but the opposition candidate said his information was that the shooting was in the air by Mr. Boodhoo's bodyguards to clear the way.

Mr. Boodhoo himself was not available for comment and a Reuters correspondent was unable to get a definitive version from police of what happened in the incident.

The radio dropped all reference to it in its broadcasts Sunday.

Oman-S.Yemen committee to meet Sept. 11

ABU DHABI (R) — A committee formed to settle border differences between Oman and South Yemen is expected to meet in Kuwait next month, diplomatic sources said Sunday.

The committee was set up under an agreement signed last October, which ended 15 years of hostile relations between the two countries and was forged with the help of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Kuwait.

Its meeting on Sept. 11, it will try to demarcate the border and pave the way to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two neighbours, the sources said.

South Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Anis Hasan Yahya visited the UAE earlier this month and officials in Abu Dhabi said his visit was an attempt to speed the implementation of the agreement, which called for a normalisation of relations.

The agreement also banned the stationing of foreign troops in Oman and South Yemen with aggressive intent against the other.

South Yemen has a friendship treaty with the Soviet Union while Oman has a military pact with the United States.

Sind students join protests against Zia

KARACHI (R) — Protests against Pakistan's six-year martial law regime widened Sunday when several hundred students marched in the troubled southern province of Sind calling for the overthrow of President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq.

Members of the Liaquat Medical College in Jamshoro, 160 kilometres north of Karachi, staged the march, becoming the first students to join week-long protests organised by Pakistan's Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD).

At least 13 people have been killed and hundreds arrested since last Sunday, when a national civil disobedience movement began and continued in violent outbreaks in Sind Province.

Political sources said the student unions were considered better organised than some of the

opposition political parties involved in the protests and Gen. Zia said recently he was considering banning the unions.

This led to protests in Peshawar and Lahore just before he announced on Aug. 12 that he planned to lift martial law and hold elections by March, 1985. The MRD, which groups eight banned political parties, has rejected his plan and called for free elections immediately.

A ninth political party, the left-wing Pakistan National Party (PNP), has joined the protests, together with lawyers in Karachi, Lahore and Hyderabad.

Student unions in the Northwest Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan were banned in April after rival groups at the Khyber Medical College in Peshawar clashed, resulting in one dead and 22 wounded.

The students marching Sunday also called for the release of MRD leaders arrested in the past week and withdrawal of troops now patrolling several towns in central Sind.

The protest followed unrest in over a dozen Sind towns, which continued in some areas until late Saturday night.

Gen. Zia and his cabinet were scheduled to meet Sunday. No agenda was announced but political sources said it was likely to discuss the protests, which Labour and Manpower Minister Ghulam Dastgir Khan had called a conspiracy against the country.

Among the issues to consider would be the increasing number of protests planned for this week, starting Monday with an MRD drive to court arrests in villages across the Punjab, Pakistan's most populous province.

Gulf to discuss slick clean-up

BAHRAIN (R) — Eight Gulf states will meet next week to discuss a \$1 million test-run of techniques to be used in fighting a giant oil slick threatening their shores, a senior environmental official said Sunday. Khalid Fakhr, head of the Bahrain-based Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Committee (MEMAC), told the Gulf News Agency the trial run would be aimed at testing the nature and behaviour of the slick before embarking on a \$10 million clean-up operation. MEMAC is an offshoot of the Regional Organisation for Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME), based in Kuwait, which groups Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman. Mr. Fakhr said all eight members would attend the meeting in Kuwait, and would be asked to nominate experts to take part in the tests. The slick has been spreading across the Gulf from damaged wells in Iran's Nowruz field since March.

MIDDLE EAST

French fighter jets arrive in N'djamena

N'DJAMENA (R) — Ten French combat planes arrived in Chad Sunday to provide air cover for over 1,000 French paratroops backing the government of President Hissene Habre.

A Reuter correspondent saw six Jaguar strike aircraft and two Mirage fighters on the ground at N'djamena airport Sunday and two other Mirages taking off. It was not immediately known where they were going.

A French military spokesman earlier confirmed the arrival of four Jaguars, saying they were in Chad to protect French troops, many of them stationed on the front line facing the Libyan-backed rebels of former President Goukouni Oueddei.

The French spokesman was not immediately available for comment on the arrival of the extra aircraft.

Earlier he told reporters the four Jaguars were in Chad to protect French troops. "They could intervene if French troops are threatened," he said, but declined to say how long they would remain.

The French troops are posted at either end of an east-west defence line set up following the loss of most of northern Chad to the rebels.

The build-up of French forces, including a 160-strong detachment of the Foreign Legion, over the last 10 days appeared to be a warning to the rebels that any fresh move south would mean a confrontation with them.

The French troops are officially described as instructors for Mr. Habre's army, but their commander said they would defend themselves if attacked.

U.S. exhibition to focus on Arab architecture

LONDON (Agencies) — A major exhibition entitled "Arab Architecture: Past and Present" is to take place in January 1984 at the Royal Institute of British Architects' (RIBA) Florence Hall. The show which is to run for three weeks commencing Jan. 10, is being organised by the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with a number of consultants, both architects and Islamic specialists.

The purpose of the exhibition is two-fold. Firstly it aims to increase public awareness of the great artistic heritage of the Arab World. Secondly the chamber is aiming to fulfil its function of promoting Arab-British trade by displaying the work of contemporary Arab and British architects.

A basic plan of the exhibition has already been drawn up with the central section devoted to classical Arab architecture, covering the main elements such as the town plan, the mosque, the *souk*, the madrasas etc. The central feature of this section will be a model

of the Dome of the Rock, the earliest example of Arab architecture. Surrounding the classical exhibit will be a selection of contemporary work in Arab countries designed by both Arab and British architects. The structure of the show is being designed to arabsque style with arches, decorative panels and a model *mas-habiba* (covered balcony). Exhibits will include both models and photographs.

Consultants for the chamber include two Iraqi architects of repute, Dr. Makya and Mr. Basil Bayati. Dr. Geza Fehervari of the School of Oriental and African Studies, Stephen Gardner of the Observer and Anthony Davis of Middle East Construction, while Sir Hugh Casson, president of London's Royal Academy of Art and himself an eminent architect, has agreed to be a patron. The RIBA, where the exhibition is being held, has declared 1984 a "Festival of Architecture." Although this event does not start off-

icially until May, the chamber's exhibition is seen as a fitting prelude to the festival. After the London showing it is hoped that the exhibition will travel to major cities in the U.K. and later possibly to the Arab World. There will be a commemorative catalogue of the exhibition produced by a leading art publisher.

The organisers feel that the juxtaposition of the classical treasures and the contemporary work may result in a better understanding of the ideals and spirit of Islamic building and possibly influence contemporary designers to return to Islamic principles instead of merely decorating Western-style buildings with Arabic pastiches. It is also hoped, through exhibiting examples of some fine conservation work such as is being encouraged by the mayor of Jeddah, to promote the maintenance of the old buildings in the Arab World, many of which have already disappeared.

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Mitterrand-Qadhafi contacts

Political sources in Paris said that, despite the military build-up, France was still in contact with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

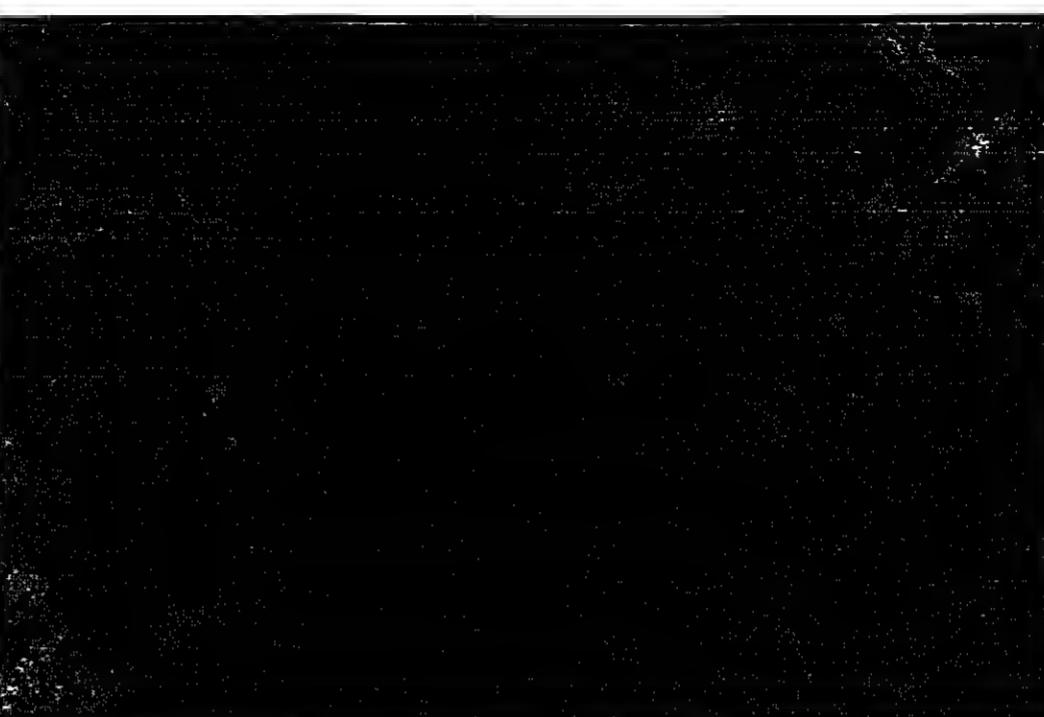
The Libyan leader has consistently denied that his forces have been involved in the fighting, despite U.S. estimates that he has sent at least 3,500 troops to Chad.

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Alexandria house collapse kills 7

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (R) — At least seven people were killed and 10 injured when a seven-storey building collapsed here Saturday night, police said.

Rescue workers were still searching for several more bodies bel-



Rescue workers help victims from the rubble, after a four-storey apartment building collapsed onto two neighbouring houses in Cairo early Saturday, kil-

ling 18 people and injuring many others (A.P. wirephoto)

UNRWA says new document will help protect those living in Lebanon.

Palestinian refugees to get new identity cards

By Leila Deeb
Reuter

AMMAN — Nearly two million Palestinian refugees registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) will soon be issued with new registration cards which the agency says will give them some form of protection in Arab host countries.

The measure follows the harassment of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon by local militias, Israeli troops and government officials who say the refugees have no legal documents which allow them to live there.

In Lebanon, local UNRWA chief John Defratis said in May that about 30 Palestinian civilians had been murdered in the south of the country by unidentified armed attackers since the end of January.

Such attacks, as well as forced evictions and kidnappings, have caused hundreds to leave their homes to seek refuge in UNRWA camps, although some have been killed even there.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) guerrillas used to protect camps in the south and in Beirut before they forced to withdraw by invading Israeli forces last year.

Palestinians say such attacks are part of a deliberate harassment campaign by Lebanese Falangists to force them to leave their homes and eventually the country.

"The purpose of the new registration cards is to prove that the refugee has a legitimate right as a refugee in the country he is in."

Peter Holdaway, director of relief services at the agency's Vienna headquarters, told Reuters on a visit here.

There was no official Jordanian or Palestinian comment on the move, which has aroused fears among refugees that it could weaken their argument for a Palestinian homeland.

Of an estimated 1.9 million registered refugees, some 300,000 live in Lebanon. The rest live in Jordan, the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and in Syria.

Distribution of the cards would start in Lebanon, where the situation was most urgent, Mr. Holdaway said. They would not be a substitute for legal documents given by host governments, but would help the refugees acquire local documents.

Lebanese controls

Palestinians who fled to Lebanon during the Arab-Israeli war of 1948 have identity documents issued by the Lebanese authorities. But since Israel's invasion of Lebanon last summer, the Lebanese government has adopted strict controls on renewing the documents, saying some of them are forged.

Lebanese embassies abroad have stopped granting entry visas to Lebanon to Palestinians living in other countries without the prior approval of the Beirut Interior Ministry.

Palestinians in several countries lost part of their documentation last year when UNRWA stopped most of its food distribution to

refugees in Jordan and Syria and in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But the agency maintained its food aid programme in Lebanon and to about 15,000 hardship cases in Jordan.

UNRWA crises

The decision to stop food rations was caused by a severe shortage of funds for the agency, which depends on pledges and contributions by the world com-

munity and charitable institutions.

UNRWA, whose operations cover education, health and relief services, has a budgeted expenditure of \$250 million for 1983.

But agency sources say pledges and contributions for this year are not expected to bring more than \$186 million.

If the balance is not found, education services could be threatened. Thousands of school chi-

ldren may find themselves on the streets while many teachers lose their jobs.

For two successive years the agency's education programme has survived thanks to emergency contributions from Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries.

The agency was given its original three-year mandate by the United Nations General Assembly in 1951, and it has been regularly renewed since then.



UNRWA runs its schools in Lebanon in makeshift tents (UNRWA photo)

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Melon 20-40

Banana (Mukhamari) 230-260

Banana 10-50

Melon (super) 150-180

Onion (dry) 130-180

Carrot 150-180

Cauliflower (white) 250-260

Cow 120-150

Apple (local) 200-250

Desert 20-40

Apple 150-180

Orange 100-200

Peaches 500-600

Pepper (Sweet) 170-180

Pepper (Hot Green) 250-280

Potato 200-250

Radi 150-180

Tomato 100-150

Watermelon 100-150

Grape 50-100

Watermelon 100-150

WE NEWS

Queen Noor to meet visiting Arab children

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor will receive the group of 105 Arab children currently on a 10-day visit to Jordan at Al Nadwa Palace Monday evening. The children will also be guests at

a luncheon at the Tyche Hotel in Amman where Mr. Akram Masarweh, the organiser of the programme, will address the press about the children's visit to Jordan.

Rawabdeh urges daily refuse collection service

AMMAN (Petra) — Preparations for the coming winter and the need to provide essential services in adverse weather conditions were discussed at a meeting held Sunday under the chairmanship of Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh.

The meeting was held at the municipality's Yarmouk District office in Al Atrashieh, where the participants discussed problems which the region faces annually and ways of overcoming them

Among the basic public services discussed at the meeting was the refuse collection system, and Mayor Rawabdeh stressed the need for the daily disposal of rubbish and increased standards of cleanliness in the district.

Later, he met senior officers and toured the division's training fields where he was briefed on its training programmes.

During his visit, Sharif Zaid formally opened a lecture hall named after Maj. Gen. Atef Majali, one of the division's previous commanders.

Safety committee leads Ramtha clean-up purge

RAMTHA (Petra) — The Public Safety Committee in the Ramtha District, headed by Ramtha Deputy-Governor Abdel Karim Al Tal, Sunday made a tour of inspection of public utilities, bakeries and restaurants in Ramtha.

The committee decided to close down a number of bakeries and stores which did not abide by public health and safety regulations and issued warnings to other owners.

ers of such establishments to provide their stores with sanitation and public safety requirements.

Meanwhile, the Public Safety Committee in Ajloun District made a similar inspection of health conditions in the towns and villages in Ajloun.

Guidelines have been drawn up for the 19 subcommittees in Ajloun which have been authorised to impose sanctions on stores which violate these regulations.

IDEKO studies new schemes

AMMAN (Petra) — The Irbid District Electricity Company (IDEKO) is currently studying new electrification projects for some of Jordan's rural areas, according to a report in Al Rai newspaper.

The project includes the laying of high and low voltage transmission lines to electrify 11 villages in the Irbid Governorate of which 7 villages are situated in the Mafrak District.

Three months ago, the laying of electric cables started under an international agreement to supply 22 villages in the governorate with

electricity before April. IDEKO Director-General Mohammad Arafa said. The project represents the implementation of the first stage financed by a Russian loan and preparations are underway for an electrification project which will take in 26 villages in the district also as part of the Russian loan by the first half of 1985. Mr. Arafa added.

The company is seeking implementation of another rural electrification project for a further 250 villages in the Irbid district under a British financed scheme. Mr. Arafa said.

New journalists board convened

AMMAN (J.T.) — The new Journalists Association board held its first meeting Sunday under the chairmanship of its new President Mahmoud Al Kayed.

The board elected Hassan Tal as vice-president and four other

members to serve as its secretary and treasurer, and their deputies.

Among the other decisions taken at the meeting was a call for another meeting to be held fortnightly on a Saturday. The new president, in a speech at the outset

of the first meeting, pledged to work faithfully to serve the interests of all journalists in the country.

The president and the board of the new association were elected after a vote was taken last Friday.

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Designs for Hamza hospital considered

AMMAN (J.T.) — The final designs of the projected Prince Hamza Medical Centre were discussed at a meeting held at the Health Ministry Sunday.

The designs prepared by the hospital consultancy firm Howard Smith Associates for a 55-bed hospital with an adjoining complex for nuclear and forensic medicine, research and treatment units, laboratories, and a nursing school.

The centre will be built on a 17-hectare plot of land north of Amman at a place called Nuwejil.

According to a ministry official, work on the project is expected to start next year.

The Ministry of Public Works, which is undertaking the project, has begun receiving bids from Arab and foreign firms for the contract and will complete their examinations of the tenders in the coming few weeks, the spokesman said.

The meeting was attended by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, senior aides and engineers and representatives of the Public Works Ministry.

Fayrouz provides a fitting end to the Jerash Festival

By Anne Counsell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Her Majesty Queen Noor and Prime Minister Mudar Badran and his family attended the second performance by Fayrouz Saturday evening, the last day of the Jerash Festival. The famous Lebanese singer attracted large crowds, and people without tickets for Friday's performance waited outside the gate of the South Theatre hoping to catch a glimpse of her through the archway. They avidly listened as her beautiful, clear voice and expressive songs were carried out beyond the theatre.

Rare and varied show

Those fortunate people inside were treated to a rare and varied show of song and dance by Fayrouz, her younger sister Houda, and the dance troupe. The sets Friday and Saturday were the same apart from changes in costume by Fayrouz consisting of songs about love and Lebanon with choreographed folklore dances. The audience were clearly moved by the pure, vibrant voice of Fayrouz and were silent during the songs describing the beauty of Lebanon and the love of the people for their country. They showed their appreciation at the end of the songs with thunderous applause and also joined in with the livelier dance numbers by clapping in time with the beat.



The famous Lebanese singer Fayrouz performs in the South Theatre as part of the Jerash Festival (Photo Anne Counsell)

with a fairy-tale ending.

It is impossible to summarize all the participating Arab and international troupes who contributed their culture, art, folklore, tradition and individuality to the colour of the festival giving the Jordanian people an insight into their different lifestyles. The extensive programme of events presented a balance of drama, poetry, song and dance in the relaxed, informal but impressive setting of the Roman ruins.

Crowd joins in

The rich folklore of Jordan was well represented at the festival by the art and crafts exhibitions and many local dance troupes. Whether on stage or in impromptu displays in the Forum, the various Dubke dances of the country attracted attention from the crowds who clapped along with the dancers and sometimes joined in with the distinctive foot stamping dances from Madaba, Ramtha, Irbid and the West Bank. The Circassian community in Jordan displayed their cultural heritage in series of Russian-style displays incorporating leaps and bended knee kicks with the dancers in traditional costumes.

The Jordanian Armed Forces Band was also very popular with crowds marching along behind them during their daily performances in the Forum. Free

local rock concerts along the colonnade were enjoyed by young and old alike who often danced along on stage.

In general the public was respectful towards the ruins and climbing over the stones was only evident when they wanted a vantage point in order to try to see all that was going on. Reservations about using historic sites for such events have been expressed, but the site was kept clean from litter and the festival succeeded in drawing people's attention to the remarkable heritage of Jerash.

Break even

Final figures on attendances and finances will be available in the next few days although it is estimated that between 15 and 20 thousand people attended each day. Disappointing sales from the crafts and book exhibitions though may have been due to the public focusing their attention more on the performances than the displays as they tended only to browse shows at the exhibits.

At the end of the festival, Dr. Mazen Armoori, the festival director, commented to the Jordan Times that he and the committee viewed the festival as an overall success and that they hoped to break even on takings. He was assured that the experience gained from this year would contribute to making next years festival even better and more successful.



The Jordanian Armed Forces Band performs in the Forum at Jerash in front of a large and appreciative crowd (Photo Anne Counsell)

Education meeting seeks to increase status of teachers

SALT (Petra) — A two-day meeting of directors of education departments in Jordan ended here Sunday. The participants discussed several working papers dealing with pressing educational issues, and passed a number of resolutions, according to Ministry of Education Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabyat.

He said that a total of 35 education studies were examined by the participants connected with educational planning, extra curricular activities, teachers' incentives, scholarships, independent budgets for departments of education in remote areas, and other relevant topics.

The meeting was designed to familiarise directors of education departments with modern educational methods and ways of tackling different educational issues in their regions. Dr. Arabyat said.

The ministry is also promoting the work and functioning of educational councils because they represent the Ministry of Education in the governorates. Dr. Arabyat said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

JEA completes cable extension designs

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) has completed the necessary designs for laying high voltage electrical cables to supply poorer districts of the port of Aqaba. The designs together with the estimated cost of the project have been referred by JEA to the Aqaba Development Committee to procure financing for the project. Meanwhile the Water Supply Corporation in Aqaba has also completed designs to provide these areas with water at a cost of JD 500,000.

Zarqa crafts exhibition to open

ZARQA (Petra) — An exhibition of handicrafts by summer school girl students in Zarqa will be opened at a ceremony Monday by Mr. Farouk Badran, director-general of education in Amman. On display at the three-day exhibition will be paintings, dresses, embroidery work and kait wear all prepared by students taking part in the summer school programme and its affiliated summer clubs. Relatives of the participants will also attend the opening ceremony.

Pan-Arab confectionery seminar due

AMMAN (Petra) — A special seminar on the confectionery industry in the Arab World is due to start here on Aug. 31 at the Amman Chamber of Industry. The seminar has been organised in cooperation with the Arab Union for Foodstuffs Industries. The two-day seminar will discuss a number of specialised working papers on the confectionery industry and its role in the Arab World's food security. Taking part in the seminar will be delegates representing the confectionery industries in Jordan and a number of Arab countries.

Management course slated for Aug. 27

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week seminar on methods of management will open at the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS) on Aug. 27. Twenty participants from a number of organisations in the Arab World will take part in the seminar and will hear lectures by Arab and foreign specialists in management affairs. The lectures will focus on management training and different methods for training and recruiting new employees, a spokesman for AOAS said.

Study considers coop bank for Mafrak

IRBID (Petra) — The Jordan Cooperative Organisation's department here has embarked on a feasibility study for the establishment of a cooperative bank in Mafrak. A department spokesman said that the proposed bank will offer services to 100 cooperative societies in the Mafrak district which groups 600 cooperative members together. The projected bank will develop the region's water, agricultural and animal resources in the Mafrak district by offering loans to finance a variety of projects to be undertaken by cooperative societies in the area, he said.

Philippines leader killed

(Continued from page 1)

Several thousand Aquino supporters, among them his family and 75-year-old mother, Aurora, had been at the airport to greet him, cheering wildly and backed by a brass band.

Many wore yellow ribbons and carried placards and signs welcoming "Ninoy", his nickname.

Eyewitness accounts of the shooting came from other passengers who had been ordered to stay aboard the plane while Mr. Aquino was leaving it.

Aeronautics Board Chairman Jose Aspiras said the airline had violated laws and regulations of the Philippines government and the international civil aviation convention.

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Jaime Sin, also issued a statement expressing sorrow at Mr. Aquino's death.

"After Mr. Aquino fell, he said, 'I saw blood coming out... from the left side of his neck... there was so much blood coming out of him, like a fountain.'

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Portugal welcomes the movie moguls

By Diana Smith

LISBON — Journalists think they are prepared for most episodes of life's rich pageant. But we are not quite ready on a summer morning in Lisbon to find burly men in World War II German uniform and Brunhilda types in evening dress and upswelt hairdos crowding the entrance to our office building.

Briefly, I thought the nightclub on the ground floor was rehearsing an odd show, a radical change from the wobbly lenors, blaring baritones and thundering drums that rattle the boards under my feet. Then I realised our corner of the Praça Da Algarve — our "Square of Joy" that usually hosts nothing more exciting than clogged traffic — was occupied not only by shades of the Wehrmacht and its lady friends but by generators, cables, wardrobe vans, mobile canteens and dressing rooms and other impedimenta of a film company on location.

For two days Maxim's the nightclub, its sagging finances boosted by rental money from the film people, was converted, by courtesy of Home Box Office, the American cable TV channel which offers film addicts movies 24 hours a day, and Entertainment Partners/Gaylord Productions into a replica of a Berlin nightclub for key scenes in the \$5 million adventure, "To Catch a King."

The plot, taken from the book of the same name by Harry Patterson (who is Jack Higgins, author of "The Eagle has Landed"), is based on the foiling of a real plot by the Third Reich to coax or coerce the Duke of Windsor, Britain's abdicated monarch, onto the German side. The scene of the coercion — a plan to kidnap the Duke and Duchess of Windsor if friendly persuasion failed — was Portugal in 1940, where the Windsors briefly stayed with a prominent local family on their way to Bermuda.

Shooting on location

To give the film an authentic air, the American producer, Alfred R. Kelman and William F. Stork, and the director, Britain's sprightly Clive Donner of "What's New Pussycat?" fame opted to shoot it entirely on location, largely in Portugal. Even interiors supposed to be in Germany were filmed here.

That decision brought Portugal \$2.5 million-\$3 million — the esti-

mated portion of the \$5 million budget outlaid in invisible earnings for this poor and friendly country with a \$3.5 billion balance of payments deficit, a welcome sum in hard times.

To Catch a King" is Home Box Office's first all-location film. It is no quickly-made TV product programmed to weave in with the commercials, but a cinematic film with a long shooting schedule. It would look all wrong filmed on the all-purpose "European streets" on the back lot of Universal Studios in California, so familiar to sharp-eyed, jaded TV viewers.

Making a major film is a country with no film industry and little experience of large film companies has advantages and drawbacks. On the asset side, Portugal's scenery is unfamiliar to audiences. Its weather is not perfectly reliable, but, with help from lady luck, gives blue skies of a consistent, matchable tone for several days in a row. Accommodation costs are well below those in the United Kingdom, Italy, or even Spain. That is an important consideration for a company of nearly 1100 people, plus families and friends who pay their own way.

On the debit side, a country without a film industry has no production equipment, no pool of experienced film actors and extras, and even no specialised stills photographers available.

Advance planning

These gaps have to be filled by methodical advance planning and cooperation from customs and other officials who must approve temporary imports of heavy equipment, from airlines and travel agencies, and from shipping companies handling input of persons and equipment and outgoings of film rushed to England for processing.

It is an act of faith for American film producers, citizens of a country and members of an industry where the cliché "time is money" has the weight of dogma to entrust six weeks of their careers to a nation where time is a vague philosophical concept, especially to the bureaucracy.

To save ulcers, the producers began last December to coax and prepare the Portuguese for their June arrival. The tactic apparently worked: With eyes raised to delicately-blue skies, and shooting almost completed, Messrs Kelman and Stork claimed that filming had gone like a dream, with fewer

in that scene the Duke and Duchess of Windsor — played by the British actor John Standing and Barbara Parkins of the TV "Peyton Place" — are lavishly entertained, with the ruo of bulls, a mini-bullfight, a banquet and a booze-up of the sort even the richest Portuguese can no longer afford. With the temperamental bulls and 350 extras to feed, it was an expensive day. And although the extras, often English or American amateur actors, diplomats' wives

and language teachers, complained, they will go to see the film and themselves in it.

Recreating 1940 sights

Re-creating the sights of more than forty years ago inevitably absorbs more time and money than shooting a film about 1983 events in 1983. In Portugal it is not just a question of keeping nests of TV antennae, that did not exist then, out of sight, but also shooting around omnipresent, indelible political graffiti that began to appear on walls in the 1974 revolution and have barely let up since.

Robert Wagner, the American stalwart who plays Joe Jackson — to quote the publicity handout: an American expatriate who runs a fashionable nightclub in Lisbon and has good connections in both high and low places' — would lose credibility if he skulked around trying to foil the Nazis against a background of spray-can "Viva o Proletariado. Morre a NATO".

Back in 1940, not only did the NATO, whose demise the proletarian painters call for, not exist, but Portugal was run by the sort of right-wing regime that reserved unpleasant fates for those who tried to express conflicting opinions, let along paint them on city walls.

Bringing 1940 back in cinematic life also meant finding motor cars of the period. The producers were lucky to find two local vintage car collectors, one Portuguese, one French who, in fear and trembling and for a flat price, allowed 40 precious vehicles, including rare MGs and an old Hotchkiss, to be used on screen. "I breathed again," said the Frenchman. "When I observed that Robert Wagner is a very sensitive driver."

So were the stuntmen shipped in to drive the precious old cars in chases. The thought of leaving such treasured possessions to the average Portuguese driver, who has one of the worst records in Europe — 24,773 accidents between January and June this year in a country with only a million vehicles — was not worth contemplating.

To Catch a King is a new venture, not just for Home Box Office into all-location shooting, but for the partnership of Entertainment Films and Gaylord Productions. It is their first joint effort. The smooth operation has encouraged them to look confidently to the future. This time, Home Box Office came in with 50 per cent of financing. Entertainment and Gaylord with the other half. The William Stork-Clive Donner partnership has already been tested with Trident Films' "Oliver Twist."

The film should quickly recoup its investment from cable TV, theatre and, eventually, network TV. Meanwhile, Messrs Kelman and Stork believe that there is substantial risk capital around, ready to invest in similar ventures which break out of the rigid Hollywood model, are not vastly expensive blockbusters of the "ET" breed, but are solid properties that cannot be written off as "just another TV movie" with a shelf life as brief as the viewer's attention span on a rainy night in Rhode Island.

That highly-paid taxi driver hired for the duration sighed at the thought that the party was nearly over. "If foreigners made a film here every month, I would be a wealthy man," he said. If international film companies gave end-of-filming buffets for 200 people at a heavily-losing exquisitely-furnished palace converted into a hotel outside Sintra daily, the place would be solvent. If a Portuguese invested in a mobile canteen service, he would save national honour — lacking a local facility, the To Catch a King company had to import Spanish caterers to feed cast and crew daily.

For Portugal to lose to Spain hurts. But \$2.5 million soften the blow, especially when they are spent with a smile.

— Financial Times

Randa Habib's Corner

No more precious junk

The Traffic Department has just deprived us of one of our greatest pleasures, by banning writings on the bodies of our cars the savoury literature we all know and the hanging of folkloric objects.

Gone are the bands that salute you when the cars move, the blue gems, the wavy heads, the swinging dolls... cars are expected now to look like cars and not like theatre stages. I find this a pity. It used to brighten our day to meet, in the morning while going to work, an old taxi proudly advertising "If your jealous eye envys me let it become blind"; "Don't go too fast dad, we're waiting for you"; "go, God is with you" or "You are the conqueror of the desert"; or "for your beautiful eyes my love I have painted my car...."

It is a pity to lose this verbal folklore decorated with lights that twinkle like the ones on a Christmas tree.

We won't see anymore the stickers that say "If you can read this sticker, you're too near"; the one that says "When I grow up I want to be a Cadillac"; or "Prohibited to kiss driver while driving".

But I think that the things I will miss most are the poems written with red ink to boost the morale of the septic tank drivers and the songs of Oum Kalsoum written on the back of the trucks.

Opinion — *Al Ra'i*

Inefficiency or apathy?

By Fakhri Kaawar

I have recently come across dozens of different types of cartons which contain sweetened or flavoured juice or flavoured water and icecream or ice-bars. The strange thing about the contents of these cartons lies in their specifications because more often than not, they fail to conform to what is printed on the cover.

On one of these cartons, you could read that its contents are "ingredients of natural orange juice", with the words "natural juice" appearing in bold type on top of the carton. Looking down through the list of ingredients one can read that they contain a good amount of natural juice or one might find a label stuck on the carton revealing that the manufacturers admit that the contents are nothing but artificial drink and have the backing of the Department of Specifications and Measurements (DSM) at the Ministry of Industry and Trade to support their claim. One also gets confused when reading about the capacity of the carton and the weight of its contents.

The DSM realises all this because such types of products are abundant in the local market. But the department has apparently failed to protect the

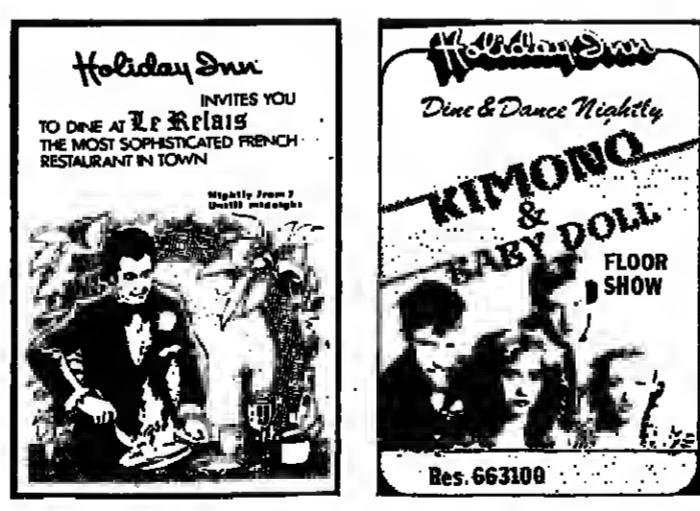
consumers from deception. It ought to have made strict and careful inspection of the imported equipment and machines used to produce such stuff for the consumers. The department also ought to offer protection to the consumers by making available to the public a catalogue in Arabic, detailing the specifications and ingredients of the manufactured product.

Instructions, specifications and details of ingredients appear on all imported products in different languages which unfortunately do not include Arabic. We take pride in our own language and therefore we call on the DSM to stipulate that a catalogue in Arabic should accompany all imported equipment and machinery.

I really wonder about the real usefulness and function of the DSM. If it does not supervise the enforcement of the specifications of the manufactured products and other commodities on sale to the public, what is the use of such a department in the country?

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Algeria's Othman Balfa getting ready to attempt a new high jump record.



Balfa clearing the bar at 2.28m.



Proud champion standing by the scoreboard. (Photos by Yousef Al 'Allam).

Algerian sets new Arab high jump record

AMMAN (J.T.) — As the third day of the fourth Arab Track and Field Championship got underway, competitions became tougher as athletes competed for the final.

A decathlon, Adnan Abu Lawi of Jordan led his group Sunday with 3760 points to his favour.

In the women's 400-metre steeplechase, Basma Mughrabi of Tunisia set a new record of 1:03:63 minutes.

In Javelin, Pathich Balgmar from Morocco led with 46.4 metres throw. In discus, Abdul Razak from Tunisia was first with 53.36 metres.

In the women's 800 metres final, Tunisia's Sarah Twibi led with a time of 2:19:15 minutes.

In the women's long jump, Daliah Taibi from Algeria won with 5.92 metres jump.

Also in the 20 kilometres walk competition Abdul Hamid Musseifi from Algeria was first covering the distance in 1:48:16 hours and Amjad Tawalbeh of Jordan came third in 2:2:16 hours.

Saturday evening events were

highlighted by a new Arab high jump record set by Algeria's Othman Balfa.

Balfa disposed of his closest challengers, Morocco's Hilal Muhammad at 2.14m and Qatar's Abdullah Al Shaab at 2.11 and then went all out to break his own Arab and African record of 2.27 metres set at an Algerian national

competition in June this year.

Balfa cleared the bar at 2.28m for his new Arab high jump record. He then went on to try and better the record but was unsuccessful at 2.31m.

Commenting about his new record, Balfa said that the only thing that disappointed him was

that the new mark wasn't high

enough for his liking.

On Monday the finals of the 200, 400 and 800 metres races for men and women will be run as well as the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay races.

Ismail Ghassab will be the hope for Jordan in the Marathon on Monday who will be facing tough competition,

Meyfarth, Bykova rivalry continues

LONDON (R) — East Germany marched relentlessly to victory in the European Athletics Cup here Sunday but West German Ulrike Meyfarth and the Soviet Union's Tamara Bykova stole the show in the European Championships in Athens last year.

But the determined Bykova, 24, proved her mettle as world champion by soaring over 2.13 metres at her second attempt to share the record with the West German, though Meyfarth won the competition on a countback.

Both women failed at 2.05 metres but Bykova went desperately close at her third attempt before a lazy trailing foot pulled the bar down.

Meyfarth, 27, looked to be struggling when she failed twice at 2.01 metres and Bykova cleared the height at her first attempt.

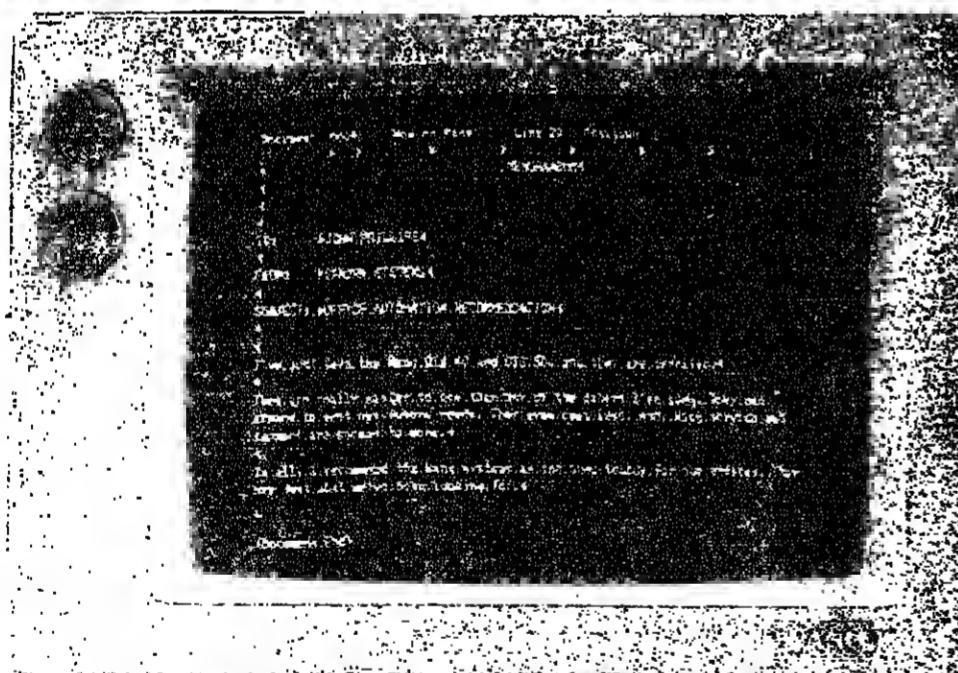
But the tall West German sent

the Crystal Palace crowd wild with delight when she soared clear at 2.03 metres at her first effort and when Bykova matched her feat at her second attempt the hushed crowd again went into raptures.

Both women failed at 2.05 metres but Bykova went desperately close at her third attempt before a lazy trailing foot pulled the bar down.

For Meyfarth, the victory was sweet revenge after her Helsinki defeat and provided another chapter in one of the most compelling rivalries in international athletics.

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Soviets win 1st European swim title

ROME (R) — The Soviet Union clinched the first title of the European Swimming Championships, when Alla Lobankina won the women's highboard diving final here on Sunday.

Fifteen-year-old Lobankina snatched the title from compatriot Anjela Stasilevich with the last of her eight dives from the 10-metre platform.

She had trailed her 16-year-old team-mate from the third round of dives but her final twisting and spiralling effort earned her the highest score of the day — 74.88 points — and left her well clear at the top.

The 20-year-old East German from Stralsund had hoped to emulate compatriot Katrin Zipperling in winning the European highboard title.

"I'm so happy to have won," Lobankina said. "It's only my second year in the international scene. That's why it's wonderful to be European Champion."

Italian fans at the Olympic pool had earlier enjoyed the sight of Pietro Italiani, a 20-year-old from Pescara, leading the 12 qualifiers into the men's three-metre springboard final.

Italiani compiled 602.82 points from his 11 qualifying dives to lead the way from Bulgarian Petar Gueorguiev (593.70) and Austrian Niki Stajkovic (592.95), bronze medalist at the last European Championships in 1981.

Snod, 24, had attempted a one-and-a-half twist but went into an extra twist and could not pull out, splashing into the water in a heap without scoring any points.

That left him 22nd and last, a position he was still in with only five dives left. But he rallied brilliantly and hauled his way back, clinching ninth qualifying place with the highest scoring dive of the series — 69.3t.

In the water polo competition, the Soviet Union, the world champions, just scraped a 10-9 win over Spain.

McEnroe, Wilander in ATP final

MASON, Ohio (R) — Top seed John McEnroe overcame a heckler, a running battle with the linesmen and fellow-American Jimmy Connors to win through to the final of the \$300,000 Association of Tennis Professionals tournament here Saturday night.

McEnroe, who survived dropping the first set on a tiebreak, won 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. He will meet Sweden's fourth-seeded Mats Wilander who earlier defeated defending champion and second seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-0, 6-3.

The McEnroe match, which lasted two hours and 38 minutes, was tarnished by a succession of line calls which both players found highly questionable.

Later, third-seeded Connors was critical of the standard of the line judges.

"We are supposed to have a

great match and then every time the ball comes close to the line you are in a panic that they will call the ball right," Connors said.

"It was not just one of us saying something out there. When both are saying something, something's got to be wrong. It takes of the fun out of it."

The match was also marred near the end by an exchange between Connors and a spectator which looked likely to result in an exchange of blows.

But Connors defused an increasingly ugly situation when he walked across the court to calm both the fan and McEnroe. The two players put their arms around each other, exchanged a few words, smiled and the match resumed.

Acrimony apart the game was a thriller which avenged McEnroe's

defeat this year in London's Queen's Club final.

Play secessed in the first set and went to the tie break which Connors won 7-5.

McEnroe won the second set easily but looked in trouble when Connors broke his serve early in third.

The 24-year-old Wimbledon Champion broke back and won the set when he broke Connors for the second time to reach his first ATP final for three years.

Wilander had a surprisingly easy win over Lendl, unbeaten in nine matches since losing to McEnroe in the Wimbledon semifinals.

The Swede took only 55 minutes to overcome Lendl who showed once again his inability to deal with an opponent content to play from the back of the court.

Australia II keel ruled legal last year

NEXTPORT, Rhode Island (R) — Peter de Savary, head of the British Victory '83 syndicate, said Saturday night he and the boat's designer, Ian Howlett, learned more than a year ago that the type of keel developed by their Australian rivals for the America's Cup competition was legal.

De Savary told a news conference his group exchanged letters and held discussions with members of the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) in England over the sort of keel — a lead bulb with protruding wings — used by the Australia II syndicate and which has created a storm of controversy this summer.

Australia II has won almost all of its races here in trials to select a challenger for the America's Cup and is acknowledged by the Americans — who say the keel has not been measured properly — to have a good chance of defeating any U.S. defender of the coveted trophy.

Australia II has already won a place in the challengers' finals, and will almost certainly meet Victory '83 to decide which boat will race against the United States in September.

De Savary said Howlett wrote to international chief measurer Anthony Watts in July last year and posed these questions:

— Are winglets permitted? Wing tips are permitted so long as the static draft of the boat is not exceeded, Watts replied.

— May these winglets be adjusted in trim? The adjustment of the angle of trim is not allowed, Watts said.

— May the winglets be retracted? The winglets may not be retracted, Watts said.

In a more recent letter to Howlett, Watts wrote: "It is our opinion that these interpretations of the 12-metre rules are relevant when considering the keel of Australia II. The winged keel would appear to us to be legal."

De Savary said the information his syndicate obtained was not passed on to Alan Bond, head of the Australia II syndicate.

"We wanted to see if the Australians could sort out this matter with the authorities and with the challengers first."

"We divulge this information now because it seems to us the matter should be put aside. It has gone on far too long and it's time we got back to boat racing," de Savary said.

Navratilova, Lloyd to clash in final

TORONTO (R) — Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd scored semi-final victories Saturday in the Canadian Women's Open Tennis Tournament to set up a showdown between the long-time rivals in the final.

Navratilova, the top seed and defending champion, beat Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, 6-1, 7-5, and the second-seeded Lloyd crushed fellow-American Elise Burgh, 6-2, 6-0.

Lloyd will be seeking to avenge a loss to Navratilova in the final of a California tournament last week.

Although Lloyd has failed to win a set from Navratilova in three matches this year, she was confident of her chances to capture the tournament's top prize of \$12,500.

"I think I'm mentally tougher than she is," the 28-year-old Lloyd said. "So if I stay close to her and it goes into a third set, I think I can win."

Navratilova, who wrested the world's number one ranking from Lloyd in 1982, did not agree.

"I think I'm just as tough since I'm the one who has been doing the winning," said Navratilova, who has notched 10 singles and eight doubles titles this year for \$50,797 in prize money.

Mandlikova started slowly aga-

inst the 26-year-old Navratilova. But Mandlikova, known for her streaky play, found her touch in the second set and broke to a 2-1 lead with a well-placed lob and a forehand passing shot.

But Navratilova broke right back in the third game when Mandlikova's attempted winners went away.

Both players held serve until the 11th game when Navratilova scored the decisive break with two fingering volleys.

Hockey favourites W.Germany given a fright by England

after storming through the West German defence.

But instead of the expected penalty stroke he was awarded only a penalty corner and England failed to score.

Carsten Fischer was the German's top marksman, scoring three goals. But the England team were unhappy with one which came from a dubiously high short corner.

In Sunday's two other Pool 'A' matches France beat Austria 4-1; and Spain demolished Wales 4-0.

Spain's Mariano Bordas, who collected nine goals against Austria on Friday, scored again Sunday to take his total for the tournament to 12.

Both the Spaniards and West Germans have maximum points from three pool matches.

Sunday's first Pool 'B' clash between the Netherlands, group leaders, and the Soviet Union ended in a 2-2 draw after an exciting battle which ended in torrential rain.

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Entrepreneur attempts biggest takeover in Australia's history

SYDNEY (R) — Wheeler-dealer Robert Holmes a'Court has stunned Australian businessmen with a takeover bid which appears highly ambitious even by his standards.

His bid for Broken Hill Proprietary, the minerals and steel giant, has been likened to David taking on Goliath. If he pulls it off, it will be the biggest takeover in Australian corporate history.

Mr. Holmes a'Court is making the bid through Wigmore's, a small Australian company which he acquired only last week.

Wigmore's, which markets tractors made by Caterpillar Tractor of the U.S., has a market value of \$4 million Australian dollars (\$3.4 million) and is bidding to take over a company valued at more than four billion dollars (\$3.4 billion).

But although stockbrokers view the bid as optimistic in the extreme, they point cautiously to the previous track record of Mr. Holmes a'Court.

He has made many takeover bids in the past, winning some and losing others, but whatever the outcome he has always managed to come away with a profit by selling his holdings in the contested company.

He has been unsuccessful in bids for the Times of London and Britain's Rolls-Royce Motors. But he also has notched up some considerable successes. Last year, for example, he fought a long and victorious fight for Britain's Ass-

ociated Communications, the leisure empire of Lord Lew Grade. Lord Grade, doyen of British television and entertainment industries, once likened Holmes a'Court to lightning — no one knows where he will strike next.

Mr. Holmes a'Court, 46, traces his ancestry to Britain and the first Baron Heytesbury in 1795. The family motto is: "Increase by labour my grow large."

Born in South Africa, he is descended from a part of the family which moved to Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe.

And his aristocratic image is not that of a brash businessman, but of a shy and reserved man whose main private interests are the arts and horse breeding and racing.

He left Africa to study agricultural science at the University of New Zealand and then went to Australia, where he studied law and set up his own law company.

Then, living up to his family motto, he began laying the foundation of his present business empire, the Bell Group, the interests of which range from transport and quarrying to newspapers and television stations.

In 1970 he launched his first takeover bid by paying 75,000 dollars (now \$65,000) for a stake in the ailing Western Australian Worsted and Woollen Mills, of which he became chairman and chief executive.

He swiftly began making the company viable and by November

1973 it was in a position to make a successful 10.8 million dollars (\$9.4 million) bid for the Bell Brothers Transport and Civil Engineering Group.

Bell's after-tax profit in 1972-1973 was 399,000 dollars (\$350,000). By 1981-82 it was 10.1 million dollars (\$8.7 million). And the last financial year's results are expected to be as buoyant.

Mr. Holmes a'Court first rose to national prominence in 1979 when he became involved in a takeover battle for Australia's Ansett Airlines.

In London many brokers have rejected the bid as ridiculous. One London broker, however, said that though his first reaction was incredulity, the bid had to be taken seriously if only because it was being made by Holmes a'Court.

Several London brokers believe there is something more behind the bid. One said Wigmore's was valued at one per cent of BHP, but said he expected BHP to make a positive statement to shareholders to defend its position. This could push up the market value of BHP, the broker reasoned.

So in the broker's view, the offer "could be one way of proving that BHP is undervalued."

Mr. Holmes a'Court has told journalists that even if only one per cent of BHP's 180,000 shareholders accept his offer, that would still double the value of Wigmore's. Accordingly, he has indicated, if five per cent accepted the offer, Wigmore's would become a very big company.

raised by about \$12 billion to a total of \$19 billion.

The \$8.4 billion U.S. share of these two increases has yet to win final approval from Congress, where the House of Representatives and Senate must still reconcile their differing versions of the measure.

Meanwhile, the heavy demand for IMF assistance has depleted the agency's readily available resources, the IMF estimates that it will need \$6 to \$8 billion to meet its lending needs for the rest of this year.

Monetary sources say it has already committed \$3 billion more of its resources than it actually has on hand, though as IMF funds are lent out in segments the agency will not have to pay out all the committed money this year.

IMF Managing Director Jacques De Larosiere has been trying for the past month to cover the expected \$6 to \$8 billion shortfall this year by borrowing from industrial nations and from Saudi Arabia.

The Saudis recently agreed to provide a \$1.6 billion emergency line of credit for the IMF to be used if other resources were exhausted.

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Moreover, there have been grumblings over the hard contract terms which the Chinese still seem to be holding out for despite the world oil glut.

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exports were the third biggest foreign exchange earner for Hong Kong after clothing and electronics.

The British colony has about 2,200 toy factories employing about 50,000 people. The industry is dominated by small-scale companies.

"They will be here to spend significant amounts of money on our goods," Mr. Blaauw added.

Last year more than 5,500 international buyers came to the three-day fair, where deals worth millions of Hong Kong dollars were transacted.

Hong Kong toy makers offer buyers more than one million designs to choose from. Local manufacturers say these represent the largest and most comprehensive range of toys from any exporting country.

As an incentive all overseas buyers will be offered low-cost travel and hotel packages arranged by the fair's organisers.

Hong Kong's major export markets for toys are the United States, Britain and West Germany.

Hong Kong moves to keep export lead in toy industry

IMF fears impact of rising U.S. interest rates

WASHINGTON (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF), struggling to keep debt-ridden countries from defaulting on foreign loans, is worried that rising U.S. interest rates could undo the fragile financial order it has tried to restore.

While IMF officials concede the global debt crisis is far from over, they believe rescue packages negotiated in the past year have managed to contain the problem for major debtors.

But some monetary sources say rising U.S. interest rates now pose the single biggest threat to countries like Brazil, Mexico and Argentina in maintaining repayment schedules worked out with the IMF and private bank lenders.

The three countries are the developing world's biggest debtors,

with approximate debts of \$90 billion, \$80 billion and \$39 billion respectively.

"Things in Latin America are about as bad as they can get," one source said. "The real threat is U.S. interest rates. If they go up too much, everything the IMF has done could fall apart."

The fear is that higher interest rates will not only add to debt costs but may also weaken or abort the economic recovery needed to help debtor countries get back on their feet.

Economists estimate that each percentage point rise in U.S. rates adds a total of \$3 to \$4 billion a year to the costs developing countries have to bear in keeping their debt repayments up to date.

Monetary sources did not criticise the Federal Reserve's policy

of restricting the amount of money in circulation in its efforts to control U.S. inflation.

They argued that the true cause of rising U.S. interest rates was investors' fear about the amount of future government borrowing needed to finance record federal budget deficits. The United States runs a deficit of around \$200 billion.

When the government enters the credit markets to borrow money, it competes with private borrowers and automatically drives up interest rates.

The IMF's efforts to manage the global debt crisis with short-term loans to troubled countries are complicated by the agency's own funding problems.

Last February, the IMF and the World Bank agreed to a 47.5 per cent rise in contributions from the 146 member countries.

The increase, which amounts to some \$33 billion is intended to cover lending for the five years beginning in 1984.

At the same time, a pool of funds held by industrial countries for use by the IMF in case of need was

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given to the Occidental groups in the Pearl River basin, southwest of Hong Kong, were their first bidding choice and another may be awarded later.

But their combined area is still only a quarter of the 10,000 square kilometers of shallow sea space awarded to B.P. in that area.

Nearby, U.S. Atlantic Richfield's Arco China has only made one significant discovery after spending millions of dollars on drilling and another French company, ELF Aquitaine, may pull out of its drilling programme if no substantial oil or gas strikes are made soon, the sources said.

They said that ELF and Total have taken a part interest in the two pearl areas with Occidental.

Both B.P. and Occidental appear to have ambitious exploration programmes.

Oil industry shows mixed reaction to China's plans

PEKING (R) — The international oil industry is showing optimism

mixed with caution over the progress of China's massive offshore oil programme in which, according to a British analyst, \$75 billion could be invested in the next 10 years.

Under a newly introduced bidding system, two foreign groups have so far signed contracts to explore and develop China's offshore oil deposits, believed to be the largest remaining untapped reserves in the world.

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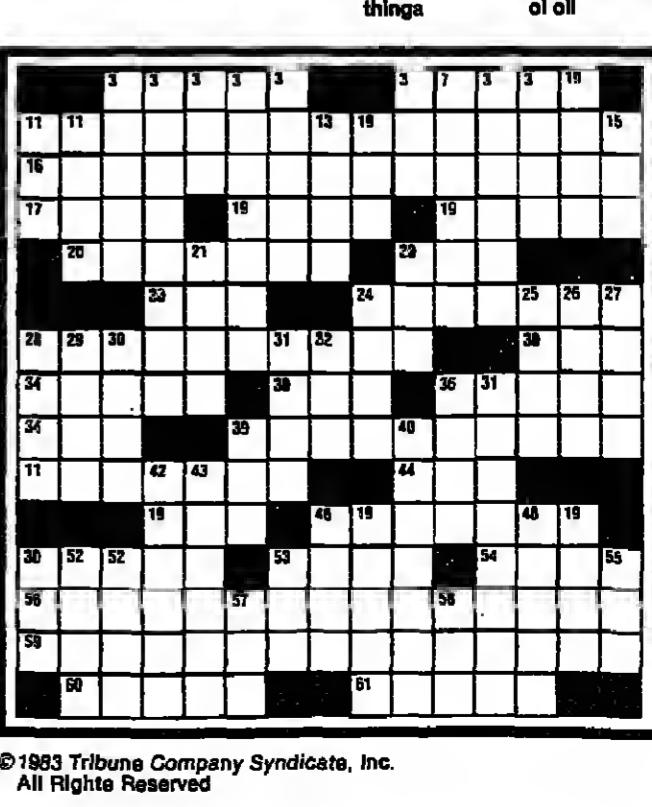
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THE Daily Crossword

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THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TYREN

DRAIP

FLEMZY

SHARTH

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: A

(Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: THINK FENCE GIMLET CRAVAT

Answer: Don't expect someone to talk turkey who's this—CHICKEN

WORLD

Belgium probes 'unfinished affair' after expelling East bloc diplomats

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium has expelled one Soviet and two Romanian diplomats following the arrest of an East-bloc specialist in the Belgian foreign ministry who admitted to selling them confidential documents, a senior Belgian official said Sunday.

The official, who spoke to Reuters on condition he not be named, said: "The affair is not finished yet. We are conducting a major investigation."

A justice ministry official said that, besides the three diplomats expelled by the foreign ministry, a fourth foreigner without diplomatic status had been ordered to leave by the justice ministry in the same case. He did not know whether the individual had already left.

The first official said the three expelled diplomats, who left Saturday had been named by Eugene Michiels, a director in the foreign ministry's European coordination

service dealing with the East bloc. Michiels was arrested last week and is being held in a Brussels prison on spying charges.

He said Michiels, 60, admitted to selling documents to the diplomats over the past few months. The exact amount he earned, probably about \$10,000, had not yet been determined.

The government had been tipped off about Michiels' activities by an East European agent who defected to the West. The official declined to give further details about the agent, saying his life was in danger.

He said Michiels was a shy, retiring man who had always been

discreet. His colleagues had not noticed any recent changes in his behaviour and officials were investigating whether he had incurred debts or had other reasons for his espionage activity.

The official said ideological motivation could not be ruled out.

The issues dealt with in Michiels' department were of moderate intelligence value, he said, but there was widespread concern in the government that Michiels might have obtained more sensitive information from contact with other departments.

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European coordination department for more than 10 years.

Belgian Radio said Saturday night that five diplomats in all had been ordered to leave the country but both the senior official and the justice ministry official said this was incorrect.

Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans said in a radio interview Saturday that some diplomats had been ordered to leave following Michiels' arrest. But he declined to give the number or their nationalities.

Officials at the Romanian and Soviet embassies declined comment.

Saturday's action followed a number of similar expulsions of Soviet diplomats from Western countries this year, including a group of 47 from France in April.

In May, Belgium expelled Evgeny Mikhailov, managing director of Elorg S.A., a joint Belgian-Soviet computer firm based near Antwerp.

Marcos' warning comes true as gunmen shoot dead Aquino

MANILA (R) — Philippines opposition leader Benigno Aquino, shot dead Sunday on his return home from self-imposed exile, maintained a barrage of criticism against President Ferdinand Marcos unbroken by imprisonment and death threats.

Mr. Aquino, who was 50, constantly campaigned for the restoration of democratic institutions in existence before the imposition of martial law in 1972 and became the popularly accepted alternative to Mr. Marcos.

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NEWTON, Massachusetts (R) —

government refused him a passport and told him his life would be in danger on arrival.

Dismissing the allegations of danger as ridiculous, Mr. Aquino agreed however to delay his trip for two weeks but said he was determined to return home then. He planned to "follow the path of non-violence" in opposition to Mr. Marcos.

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NEWTON, Massachusetts (R) —

The son of Benigno Aquino said Sunday his father's death was not unexpected.

In a telephone interview Ninoy Aquino, said: "It's a fixed fact that something might happen like this. But when it happens, you really can't prepare for it."

The younger Aquino said the family was getting ready to return to the Philippines, but like his late father they had no valid passports. The families' passports have all expired.

Ninoy said the family understood Mr. Aquino's body would be claimed by his father's mother, Aurora, and two sisters and taken to the family home.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Doctor suggests simple remedy

CHIPPENHAM, England (R) — A British doctor is recommending a simple remedy for people dying after a nuclear attack: Hit them on the head with a large stone. His advice is part of a 15-point survival plan distributed in this western England town by Dr. Barney Williams, 44, who said patients had been very grateful for the advice. "As no drugs will have been stockpiled for the population, it would appear the best thing that can be done for (dying victims) is to hit them on the head with a large stone," he said. His leaflet also urges people dying after an attack not to do so in a place where they might pollute water supplies or spread disease. He denied his plan was a joke and said the government had not thought it black humour to recommend recently that people should learn to treat themselves with herbal remedies after a nuclear attack.

Soviets catch up on sex education

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet schools will introduce sex education next month as part of an attempt to give young people better preparation for married life, the trade union newspaper Trud reported. The course was introduced as a pilot scheme in some cities a year ago. It will now be compulsory for all 16-year-olds. In a society still prudish by Western standards there had been resistance from parents and teachers, but the authorities have backed the new course as part of a drive to reduce a divorce rate that now dooms one marriage in two to failure in the European part of the country. A separate report said that Moscow city authorities were trying another method of combatting divorce by introducing a marriage guidance office for the first time.

China calls more patriotism

PEKING (R) — China has called on foreign scientists of Chinese descent to show patriotism by helping to develop their motherland, the New China News Agency said. All foreign scientists and specialists especially those with Chinese ancestry, said Fang Yi, minister of the science and technology commission. During the anti-intellectual movement sparked by Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution in 1966 scientists and intellectuals were sent to do manual work in the countryside.

U.S. Marine recounts ordeal

TAHOE CITY, California (R) — A U.S. Marine told rescuers he ate moss, ants and grass while he lay with a broken ankle in a mountain ravine for five weeks. Corp. Karl Bell, 22, reported losing 31 kilograms during his ordeal. Corp. Bell, who was on leave from Camp Pendleton, in southern California, said he was climbing in the Sierra Mountains in northern California when he fell into a deep ravine on June 17 and broke an ankle and bruised several ribs. Soldiers and helicopters scoured the area without finding Corp. Bell. Authorities said he was wearing camouflage battle fatigues and this apparently prevented him from being spotted. Corp. Bell said he finally noticed a metal spike left by a climber in a rock and managed to throw a rope over it and pull himself to safety. Hikers found him lying on a trail and called for help, police said.

Monster phone bill costs \$204,227.85

MIAMI (R) — Some time in June, someone in New York got hold of Miami businesswoman Bernice McKenna's phone credit card number. In July, Ms. McKenna received a bill, 1,853 pages long, for \$204,227.85. "It's a monster," phone company spokesman Don Mathis said. "We've never seen anything like that around here." Most of the long distance calls on Ms. McKenna's bill were placed from New York to Haiti. Operators recorded an international call charged to Ms. McKenna's card every two minutes over a 15-day period, Mathis said.

Uruguay turns back Argentine

MONTEVIDEO (R) — Nobel Peace Prize laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel was denied entry to Uruguay by the military government Saturday police sources said.

Police at Montevideo's Carrasco Airport turned back the Argentine-born human rights campaigner and made him board a plane back to Buenos Aires with two Argentine politicians, a priest and another human rights activist who had flown with him, the sources said.

Local human rights sources said Mr. Perez Esquivel intended to visit three priests fasting at the headquarters of the local branch of his peace and justice service (Serpa), human rights organization.

U.N. chief stops in Spain

MADRID (R) — U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Madrid Sunday for a 24-hour stop on his way to South Africa for talks on expediting independence for Namibia (South West Africa).

Mr. Perez de Cuellar told reporters at the airport his trip was designed to comply with a May 31 Security Council resolution directing him to try to break the deadlock in the implementation of a five-year old U.N. plan to lead Namibia to statehood.

The territory is ruled by South Africa under a league of nations mandate declared invalid by the U.N. General Assembly.

The U.N. chief, who will fly to Cape Town in a Spanish air force plane Monday, was scheduled to attend a private dinner Sunday night given by Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez.

Political analysts said the NPN gains would be reflected in the results of Saturday's polls.

More than 3,000 people died in

queue at a hot-dog stand. There was no sign of any disturbance.

On the night of Aug. 20-21, 1968, Soviet and other Warsaw Pact troops ended the political experimentation and open debate encouraged by the then communist leader Alexander Dubcek.

Mr. Dubcek, who now lives in obscure retirement, had wanted to make a communist bureaucracy more accountable to the nation at large and revive the economy through a series of reforms.

Over the last few days of official Czechoslovak press has carried editorials praising the invasion as

'Japanese militarism' concerns China

PEKING (R) — China Sunday expressed concern that militarism was being revived in Japan and told Tokyo that the nations of the region would never forget how they suffered in the past from the country's armed forces.

"They are closely following the development in Japan. They would feel worried about any symptom of a revival of militarism in Japanese politics."

"They hope that Japan would become a factor contributing to the stability and prosperity in the region and not drive off the opposite direction."

"The people of various countries in Asia and the Pacific region, including the Chinese, have

never forgotten the sufferings brought to them by Japanese militarism in the past," the agency said.

Plans to gloss over accounts of these incidents in new editions of officially-approved school textbooks.

The changes angered other Asian nations also, including North and South Korea, and the Japanese education ministry later pledged to revise the textbooks yet again while ordering teachers to reflect the foreign criticism in their classes.

The news agency said the Chinese and Japanese peoples wished to remain friends following the signing of a friendship treaty in 1972, and there were bright prospects for economic cooperation.

India defends plan to fence border

DHAKA (R) — Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao Sunday defended a plan to fence his country's 4,000-kilometre border with Bangladesh with barbed wire to prevent illegal crossings.

"Our experience has shown that it has not been possible to stop crossing over of persons in large numbers. Therefore, this (fencing) was the only thing that could be done," he told a press conference.

The decision follows Indian worries over infiltration of Bangladeshis into the oil-producing state of Assam where many ethnic Hindu Assamese resent the presence of large numbers of illegal immigrants, mostly Muslims from Bangladesh.

More than 3,000 people died in

clashes there last February.

Bangladesh military ruler Lt.-Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ershad, who is unhappy at the plan, told Indian journalists Saturday that it would humiliate and belittle Bangladesh before the world.

Indian newspapers said Lt.-Gen. Ershad cited the Berlin wall separating East and West Berlin as an example of the failure of physical barriers to stop movement.

But Mr. Rao said he did not think the plan would affect ties with Dacca, adding: "I don't like to give out figures of the scale of infiltration, but you can rest assured that we have not come into a proposal like this without figures and evidences."

Bangladesh and India Sunday

ended the second meeting of their joint economic commission and a statement later said the two sides would meet again in December to discuss prospects of transit railway facilities for India.

The facilities would enable India to open a railway service across Bangladesh linking its eastern state of West Bengal and Assam in the northeast.

Mr. Rao also said his meeting with Bangladesh leaders had been constructive and fruitful, adding: "This has paved the way for a vigorous cooperation in economic fields."

He said India had offered a credit of \$66 million to Bangladesh to buy industrial machinery from Indian manufacturer.

Bangladesh and India Sunday

Gelli's escape reawakens fears of Propaganda Duo subversion

By Andrew Hurst
Reuters

ROME — The escape from a Swiss jail of Licio Gelli has abruptly reawakened fears among Italians that the illegal Masonic lodge he founded may still be working to subvert their democracy.

It has also strengthened suspicions that the lodge is still active in Italy and has powerful friends abroad.

The exposure two years ago of the Propaganda-Duo (P-2) lodge, which included cabinet ministers, bankers and generals among its members, set off Italy's biggest postwar scandal and led to the fall of the government of Arnaldo Forlani.

Decisive proof of the organization's suspected role in a series of terrorist attacks, political crises and financial scandals culminating in the crash of the Banco Ambrosiano last summer has eluded magistrates.

But parliamentary investigators say papers seized from Mr. Gelli's daughter in 1981 contained plans for an authoritarian presidential constitution aimed at keeping Italy's second biggest party, the communists, permanently out of power.

Infiltration at top

"There are many suspected P-2 members in high places who are particularly vulnerable to blackmail and who cannot sever their links with the lodge. This gives it more power than ever because its

cohesion is greater," Mr. Rizzo told Reuters.

He says P-2 suspects were removed from top jobs in Italy's secret services and customs police but many remain at the ministries of the interior, foreign affairs and defence.

Tina Anselmi, a Christian Democratic former minister who heads the P-2 commission, believes like Mr. Rizzo, that the lodge is still powerful and can command vast financial resources.

Mr. Gelli is believed to have amassed detailed and compromising archives, using secret service sources, on many leading figures in Italian public life.

But Mr. Rizzo, a former top magistrate with years of experience fighting the Sicilian mafia, believes that Mr. Gelli was only a front man for even more influential behind-the-scenes figures.

"Gelli was the organisational arm of other individuals far more influential than he was. These individuals are as powerful as ever now since they were never exposed by the scandal," Mr. Rizzo told Reuters.

Gelli's tentacles, through the P-2, reached into the armed forces, the world of finance, politics and the mass media and we know that his ambitions were explicitly political," says Mr. Rizzo.

Michele Sindona, a Sicilian banker serving a 25-year jail sentence in the United States for fraud, told members of the P-2 commission when they questioned

ghost companies

The Vatican bank, the IOR, has never openly admitted that it owns the Panamanian ghost companies but last year the Vatican said it found itself unwittingly

in control of 10 Panama-based companies which it did not name.

The magistrates say that \$143 million found its way from one of the Panamanian companies, called Bellatrix, into a Geneva bank account.

Investigators also believe Mr. Gelli could have thrown light on the mysterious death last year of Roberto Calvi, the Ambrosiano chairman found hanging under a London bridge, and on some of postwar Italy's worst terrorist attacks.

These include a series of railway bombings in which almost 100 people died. Lack of evidence has led to the acquittal of neo-fascist suspects.

The P-2 has been even mentioned in connection with the kidnap and murder in 1978 by the left-wing Red Brigades of Aldo Moro, the Christian Democrat statesman who tried to bring communists into a government coalition with his own party.

"We don't have any evidence that the P-2 infiltrated the brigades... but it is certainly true that Moro's political objectives were diametrically opposed to those of the lodge," Mr. Rizzo said.

Mr. Rizzo admits it is unlikely Mr. Gelli, a former fascist, would cooperate if he were ever brought to justice. But he says his escape is a major setback.

"To have Gelli back behind bars would be a big blow against the P-2 and the hidden powers it represents and a boost for the forces of democracy," he said.